THE FORTRESS

THE OFFICAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BARONY OF CAERTHE

UNTO THE POPULACE OF THE GREAT BARONY OF CAERTHE, DO DOMENICO AND MARIA, BARONE E BARONESSA DI CAERTHE SEND GREETINGS,

It is with a full heart and much excitement that we are able to introduce the new format of The Fortress. We hope that within these pages, you will not only find much useful information about our Barony in the form of events and officer contacts, but also some entertainment from the various article and images that accompany them.

One new highlight is our "Meet the Barony" section where, in each issue, we will feature the profiles of several Caerthens. Since we have a lot of new members, we are going to focus on these good gentles, but will also have one or two "star" long-timers. If you would like your profile to be featured here, please send a brief SCA bio and picture to us and the Chronicler (emails below). Also, make sure you fill out a model release form for the photo: (https://caerthe-sca.org/ > Resources > Model Release Form. It only takes 5 minutes).

Speaking of newcomers, we are thrilled to see so many new faces at events, practices, and volunteering for jobs. You all are the future of the Barony and part of the lifeblood of Caerthe. The Baron and Baroness are always approachable, so if you ever have questions or ideas please come chat with us. If you'd like further information, there is a newcomers' page on the website that will continue to grow (https://caerthe-sca.org/newcomers). We know you will find it useful.

That being said, with so many new people, we are sure there are going to be a lot of Award Recommendations. For a list of our awards or to recommend someone, you can visit our baronial Webpage (https://caerthe-sca.org/awards) and click the "Recommend Someone" button on the right-hand side.

Lastly, we would like to thank our new Chronicler, Lord Khaliu, and his deputy, Beatricia, for the hard work they have put into this issue. Pray attend, go forth and read the words of our Barony!

Ever in Service to the Dream,

Domenico e Maria
Barone e Baronessa di Caerthe

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GOOD POPULACE OF THE BARONY,

We are currently seeking several officers. Click the office name on the website to go to the officer page for a description of what the office does.

Interested individuals must be paid members of the SCA, Inc. and should address their Letter of Intent to the corresponding Kingdom Officer with a courtesy copy to the corresponding Caerthen Officer, the Caerthen Seneschal, and the Caerthen Coronet, indicating a willingness and desire to hold the particular office. The letter should include a short introduction, the age of the petitioner, a brief history of the petitioner's experience in the SCA, the skills the petitioner has to fulfill the obligations of the office, and a copy of the petitioner's current membership card.

BARONIAL PROGRESS:

11/3/2018
Holiday Bazaar
Barony of Dragonspine (D&M)

11/4/2018
Caer Galen Baronial Polling
Barony of Caer Galen (D&M)

11/10-11/2018
Fall Coronation
Shire of Drygestan (D&M)

12/8/2018
Caer Galen Midwinter
Barony of Caer Galen (D&M)

12/15-16/2018
Al-Barran Midwinter
Barony of al-Barran (D&M)

1/5/2019
Caerthe 12th Night - Middle Eastern Oasis & Hafla
Barony of Caerthe (D&M)

1/12/2019
Citadel Twelfth Night
Barony of the Citadel of the Southern Pass (D&M)

1/19/2019
Viking Vinter Vunderlandt
Barony of Aarquelle (M)

1/19/2019
Candlemas
Shire of Plattefordham (D)

1/26/2019
Candlemas
Barony of Dragonspine (D&M)

All Kingdom Events may be found here!
https://www.outlands.org/events

EVENTS CALENDAR:

Business Meetings:
6:30pm – 8:30pm: 1st Monday
rotating schedule: Hacienda Colorado
Please check Facebook for location.
https://www.facebook.com/caerthe.sca/

Fighter Practice:
6:00pm – 9:00pm: Thursday
14175 E 42nd Ave., Denver
(back row of warehouses)

Rapier Practice at Scola Metallorum:
6:00pm – 9:00pm: Thursday
Golden, CO - contact rapier@caerthe-sca.org

Archery Practices:
6:30pm - 9:30pm: Monday

No Limits Archery, 3050 E 78th Ave, Denver
6:30pm – 9:00pm: Tuesday

Rocky Mountain Specialty Gear, 4298 Kipling St B, Wheat Ridge
9:00am-12:00pm: Sunday

Scout Park, 132 E 112th Pl, Northglenn
Indoor site: Empty Quiver Archery, 7180 W. 117th Ave., Unit C, Broomfield

Hosted Gatherings –
Guilds & Populace Social links:
Apothecary Guild
https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-apothecary
Caerthe Cavalry
https://www.facebook.com/groups/CaertheCavalry
Children's Guild
https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-children-guild
Cooks Guild
https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-cooks-guild
Jeweler's Guild
https://www.facebook.com/groups/JewelersGuildofCaerthe
Outlands Archery and Thrown Weapons
https://tinyurl.com/outlands-archery
Scribe's Guild
https://tinyurl.com/caerthe-scribes-guild
Scola Metallorum
https://www.facebook.com/ScolaMetallorum/
Canton of Ravenhyrst
https://www.facebook.com/ravenhyrst
Canton of Hawks Hallow
https://www.facebook.com/HawksHollowSCA

BARONIAL REPORT: THE SENESCHAL

GREETINGS CAERTHE,
Recently I have heard many folks talk about what made them step away from the SCA. How about what makes you keep playing in the SCA?

For me, it has always been the community. A chance to get together with folks with the same interests. A place to talk about this cool medieval thing I have learned, as well as the time to take a moment of "no sh*t there I was stories" with some of the most amazing people I have met. I have memories of epic times that I would never have had if I hadn't joined this Society and traveled around to other Shires, Baronies and Kingdoms. There are epic moments in small groups - as well as large - but it still takes time to go out to them, the time to meet people, and the energy to do so.

Sometimes, I can't make it to an event and must live vicariously through images that were captured throughout the day. We are lucky to have so many people who have a great eye for documenting these occasions and I am so grateful that they are willing to share their time at events with us in this manner. There is nothing that compares to the thrill of sitting next to the list field at Crown Tourney, the rush of adrenaline that comes from being in a melee, the joy of sharing knowledge and the memories made around a fire late at night.

This is directly from the SCA.org (http://sca.org/) :

"What makes the SCA different from a Humanities 101 class is the active participation in the learning process. To learn about the clothing of the period, you research it, then sew and wear it yourself. To learn about combat, you put on armor (which you may have built yourself) and learn how to defeat your opponent. To learn brewing, you make (and sample!) your own wines, meads and beers."

I would encourage taking some time to attend guild meetings, get out to fighter practice and other events. Do not be afraid to ask questions, as most of us may not know the answer but there is a good chance we know someone who might. If a chance comes up to travel, give yourself that opportunity for adventure. Consider offering to volunteer to help at events or with an office. For example, helping at gate is a great way to learn names and get a chance to say hello to so many people.

Live the SCA life.

In Service,

Jeanne-Marie Dubois

Caerthe Seneschal - seneschal@caerthe-sca.org

Baronial Report: The Chronicler

Greetings Caerthe,
I have recently taken the oath of the office of Chronicler of the Barony of Caerthe. I am very excited to have the opportunity to serve this barony in a similar capacity as I served for Kingdom of Calontir. I don't know many of you yet, but part of the joy of service is getting to know my local community.

My vision for the future issues of the newsletter is to expand upon storytelling, increasing the relevance of the topics to serve the populace in a unique format. By capturing our Barony's passion for events, practice and play - we will share our good news with the Kingdom and surrounding areas and hope to increase participation from new, old, and returning members alike.

Most importantly, I want to foster sharing ideas, concepts for articles, and providing writing, art, and class information to keep this publication lively and relevant. Your dedication to the documentation of events and special memories are welcome and encouraged, I only require permission for use and confirmation of the completion of the Model Release Form. If you'd like to brainstorm, inform, or just ask questions please reach me or my deputy Chronicler, Beatricia (Bea) Barberini, via email.

In Your Service,

Khaliu Cessilus

Caerthe Chronicler - chronicler@caerthe-sca.org

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Greetings unto the Populace of Caerthe!

Baron Domenico & Baroness Maria

Domenico and I have recently returned from the Outlands Fall Crown Tournament hosted in the great barony of Aarquelle. It was such fun watching all the fighters and perusing the merchants.

Congratulations to our new Prince and Princess: Jarl Hrorek Wolfson & Countess Slaine ingean Ui Sheanain! Hrorek met Sir Bardolf in the finals and those fights were hard fought. Bardolf looked really good in the tourney. I feel like he has quite the potential to make it to the throne someday. For the immediate future, TRHs Hrorek and Slaine will be a great asset to the Kingdom as Prince and Princess and later as King and Queen. (though His Majesty Bela looks fine). We are excited for the next few months.

The Finals of the 2018 Fall Crown List, His Honor Bardolf Gunwaldtsson and His Highness Hrorek Wolfson.

Caerthe had a great showing at this event in every area of The Society.

- The Caerthens in the Crown list: Masters Adam and Hawkrel, Sir Griffith, Sir Adrien, Sir Taver, & His Excellency Estevon
- The Caerthe Chatelaine Corps showed up in force with their "Caerthen Living Room"
- THL Hannah set up Destash Central
- Caerthens fought in the Princess Protector Rapier Tourney on Sunday.
- Many of Caerthen spectators attended, and brought A&S projects, to cheer on the fighters

Don Santiago Rodriguez de Cadiz

I would like to give a big shout out to Lady Anne, Lord Donnachadh, Lord Morgan, Chelsea, Arndis, & Sigeric for their Chatelaine support. They set up the Caerthen living room and helped recruit new members for Aarquelle. In total many newcomers came by the tent and 5 provided their contact information. A couple even stayed for the event! On top of that, our chatelaines offered to loan Aarquelle some newcomer clothes to temporarily replenish their supply.

I would also like to give a HUGE thanks to those who allowed me to press them into last-minute retinue help: Her Excellency Pvari, Lady Dacia, Lady Elora, & Arndis. You ladies were a huge help! Also, extra thanks to Lianor, who took time out of her event to patch my Caerthen banner. I am so thrilled to have many kind and passionate people living in our barony!

On Sunday, Domenico and I had the honor of marshaling the Princess Protector Rapier Tourney for HRH Slaine. During the half-hour bear pit, we watched a lot fun fights and saw many acts of chivalry. There were over 25 people in the tourney, sadly no one south of Aarquelle was able to make it. Dragonspine, however, had a great showing of rapier fighters, making up almost half the total number. Their rapier community is becoming quite prolific. Caerthe needs to catch up!

There were some Caerthens in the tourney as well, two who made it into the finals (and two who would have been next up). Don Iago, Lady Dacia, Lord Jehan, & Lady Elaisse all fought well and honorably. Don Iago, Caerthe's Premier Blade (and our Baronial Captain of the Guard) ended up winning the tourney despite the fact that Lord Maximillian Kern of Dragonspine gave him quite the run for his money by

entering the finals undefeated. It was a very good fight to watch and a tough final. Max, especially, was on fire!

The populace of Aarquelle really brought their "A game" to this event. They provided lunch both days, set up merchants, decorated the tourney field, and showed great hospitality to the Kingdom at large. Both days were exciting and full of friends, fighting and fun. Overall, we enjoyed ourselves greatly! Huzzah!

P.S. Don't let His Excellency Gianni of Dragonspine near the Caerthen hammer.

Maria
Baronessa di Caerthe

His Excellency of Dragonspine, Gianni de San Germano

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MEET THE BARONY

The Barony of Caerthe is part of the Kingdom of the Outlands, in the Society for Creative Anachronism. The Barony encompasses the Denver, CO metro area and includes the Canton of Hawks Hallow in the north, the Canton of Ravenhyrst in the southeast and the College of Scola Metallorum at the School of Mines.

MISSIVES FROM THEIR EXCELLENCIES

Her Excellency Maria has been publishing missives and post event write ups that include thanks to the event staff, photos, and much more. You can find the complete archive as well as new content at mcastelana.wordpress.com

BRYNHILDR JAREKKONA

Greetings Nobles and Gentlefolk. My chosen name is Brynhildr Jarekkona. I am the daughter of Gunnar Henrikson, an 11th c. chieftain from the area near Lake Malaren in Sweden, not far from the village that would later come to be known as Stockholm. I met my husband, Jarek af Wolin, when he was on a trading expedition with his father. Currently, my main interest is in jewelry making – but, I'm looking forward to discovering many other aspects of this exciting new world!

JAREK AF WOLIN

Please allow me to introduce myself, I'm a man of wealth and taste... Well, not really; actually, I'm Jarek af Wolin (YAR-rik off VOH-lin), an 11th c. Northern Slav. I grew up in and around the town of Wolin in what was, at the time, the Kingdom of Poland. Wolin was known to be a haven for Danish refugees, which in that period led to inner unrest and conflict, as well as pirate activities. Many of my acquaintances were these "viking" types; and they greatly influenced my life and world view. In fact, in many ways I resemble my Danish friends more than my own people! My father was Jakub Wilk (Jakub, or Jacob, "The Wolf"), a well-travelled trader/merchant. My journeys with him exposed me to people and cultures that I could never have imagined. My mother, Helene, was Frisian; and I have three brothers and three sisters.

As for my mundane persona, I am Bill Winski. Besides a life-long love for all things medieval, I am a musician, and I spent more than 30 years in the tabletop game business (board games, RPGs, miniatures gaming, etc.) as a retailer - and I'm still an avid gamer. My main interests as a Scadian lie in music and heraldry. I would, however, also like to participate in archery, heavy combat, and who-knows-what else...

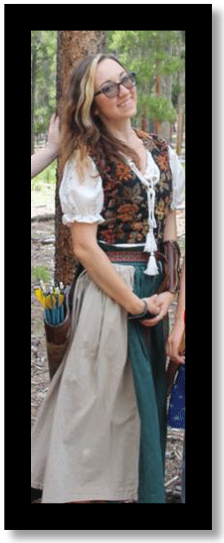
ERIC MORRISON
Greetings, I am of Thistlekeep. I live in 952 AD and am a Viking warrior. I started life in Tonberg, Norway, and took to sea as early as possible. I found my skill as an archer made it possible to take part in battle without being in the thick of it.
I was introduced to the Dream while serving in the country's Armed Forces. While attending a medieval faire in the park, I saw fighters in armor and badly designed shield art and decided I could be a herald. I have been studying heraldry since.

I joined the SCA in 1983 after finding people from Caerthe at the Larkspur Ren Fest. We started slowly and in 1986 we formed the Canton of Hawks Hollow in the northern reaches of Caerthe. I am currently the Seneschal for the group and have held the Heralds office twice. I have been Aspen Pursuivant and the Captain of Archers for Caerthe. I am the Palmer Herald for the Kingdom and was the first Captain-General of Archers, now called Archer General.

I enjoy target archery and working with wood and leather. I found carving wood was much like tooling leather and have been improving my skills. I love helping people with their heraldic submissions. I also play the recorder, but not so much recently.

AILINN SHADOWFOX
I am an Irishwoman of the late 14th century and the daughter of a small land holder in Ireland. As an only child for most of my life my father had me taught reading, writing and basic mathematics as well as archery and training and riding horses. My mother tried valiantly to provide a male heir, but we finally lost her to childbed fever when I was in my 16th year. His new wife presented him with a boy child within the first year and he promptly set up a marriage for me to an older comrade who wanted a mother for his motherless children as well a young bride. I took my horse, bow and knowledge and fled to the forests of England.

My Lord, Eric Morrison of Thistlekeep and I came to be in the Principality of the Outlands in the year 1983 0f the current era, where we and our two small children became active in both archery and fencing. We were part of the group of gentles who started the Canton of Hawks Hollow. I have served as exchequer and Arts and Science Officer for that group. I have also served as Seneschal for the barony of Caerthe and the Archer General of the Kingdom of the Outlands. I am a scribe, doing both calligraphy and illumination of award scrolls where ever needed. I have been the head cook for many Three Hawks tournaments and a Caerthan 12th night as well as being the event steward for many St. Sebastian's archery tournaments several Estes Park Scottish/Irish Festival demos and several other events. My other Skills and interests include sewing of garb, embroidery and making banners.



EMMA BASTIEN

Hi, everyone! I am Emma Bastien. You may have met me as a volunteer at this last Battlemoor. I am from Kazan, Russia. I am new to the Barony of Caerthe and the SCA, but I've already found something that I really like in archery and fencing. Come and join us! :)

BEATRICIA (BEA) BARBERINI

Hail the populace of Caerthe! As a daughter of the Barberini Familia, I got to see my Great Uncle rise to the Papal Throne in 1623, as Pope Urban VIII. We are of minor nobility and filled with the love of serving the populace with textiles and food. To date, I have honored my family with the submission of this beautiful name and heraldry of which is three Bees (two on top and one on bottom) on an azure and black background with a chevron.

In my mundane life, I have been attending SCA events since a previous Baron of Caer Galen asked me to attend Estrella War in 2013. That first event was so enjoyable and I was hooked. I made a friend group after just moving to Colorado that I have kept up with ever since. Later in 2013, I became a member of the newly created Vandale Household and we established ourselves as the fencing and dancing household - most recently hosting the Saturday night Hafla at Battlemoor this year. Those friends continued to encourage me over the years to come to events, learn sewing, book binding, camp life, and period cooking. My fondest memories are of midnight bacon, early morning drumming to sunrise, and breakfast duty in service to my household but for whatever reason I took a two-year break from the SCA.

Last spring, I purchased a home in Hawks Hallow and with encouragement from our Baron and Baroness, began to become more active again and renewed my SCA card. During these short summer months, I have registered a name and heraldry (Thanks to Eric and Thistlekeep), met many new faces and friends in my new barony at various camping events, volunteered for hospitality at Battlemore, and occasionally offered to grill for the Colligi fighter practices. In my new position as deputy Chronicler, I will be typesetting this newsletter and chasing down details and permissions to help build the publication for the populace. I hope that we can discuss your ideas, passions, and inspiration for why you play in the SCA. For me, I wouldn't trade the friends I have met in this organization for all the money and fortune. My wish for the future of my community is that everyone can make a friend, bring a new friend, or encourage an old friend to engage and play.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:

All submissions to the Fortress must be received no later than 8:00pm on the 25th day of the month prior to publication of the newsletter. Publications will occur in January, March, May, July, September, and November of 2019.

Content submitted to the Fortress must be accompanied by the proper release forms.

For further information, questions, and concerns, please contact the baronial chronicler at chronicler@caerthe-sca.org

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